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Mr. Randy Green
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Appl. No. 10/068,275, filed 02/05/2002, and amended 10/07/2002

Dear Mr. Green:

On 2/04/2004 a Notice of Abandonment was received. A call was placed to Beth Dewan but the call was not returned. On 2/09/04 a call was made to your office, and had a lengthy conversation with Marlin Fletcher. At that time, I was informed that the Notice was due to a failure to provide a sequence for the patent application. I informed Mr. Fletcher that there was no sequence, and that no notice of any missing parts was received by me. Mr Fletcher assured me that he would resolve this issue and reinstate the patent application.

On 2/18/04 I left a message for Mr. Fletcher, but received no reply. On 2/20/04, I called your office and was informed that Mr. Fletcher was a trainee and no response would be coming from him.

I am making a written request to you to resolve this error.

Sincerely,

Attachments: Responses from the USPTO acknowledging receipt of the application.

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February 5, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

EJP-2002-2 Composition and method of treating arthritis.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items:

Patent application, "Composition and method of treating arthritis."

Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application. PTO/SB/01A

Fee Transmittal form PTO/SB/17

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Sincerely,

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October 7, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: 10/068,275 "Composition and method of treating arthritis."

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items:

Preliminary Amendment to the Application

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Sincerely,

10/7/02

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